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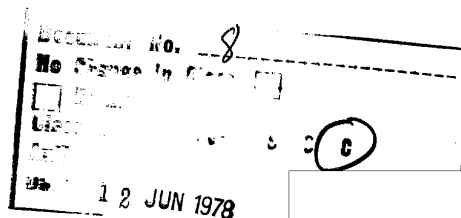
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1. In January 1950, prior to the Russian announcement that all German PWs had been returned, Russian Ambassador Pushkin tried to induce Georg Dertinger, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, to agree to a joint declaration to this effect.
2. Dertinger claims to have taken the position that, before that could be done, the Russians would have to declare an amnesty to cover certain German PWs now serving sentences as members of criminal organizations. Dertinger estimated that such an amnesty would have resulted in the release of some 80,000 more PWs. He believes it impossible for his government to check on the completeness of the repatriations, as they have no reliable lists or records.



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